



Downers Grove Sportsmen's Club

4700 Old Stage Road, Morris, IL 60450

December 2025 Newsletter

Corrected edition

Effective December 1, 2025 “Winter” hours are in effect as follows:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (weather permitting).
Friday 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. (Games only).

Our “cold weather policy is, temperatures, actual or “wind chills” (feels like), forecasted below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, at 9:00 a.m., heavy snowfall, Ice or hazardous conditions, the club will be closed for the day. The decision will be made as early as possible, but no later than 7:00 a.m. It will be posted on the DGSC website, text messages and emails will be sent to the membership at that time. This decision will be made with concern to the safety and well-being of our members and staff. If you are not sure of the club's status call 815-941-1366

December 13, 2025, Senior Membership Meeting (Postponed to December 21st)

The 2026 Nominating Committee presented a “slate of candidates” at the November meeting as follows:

Officers

President	Ken Cechura
Treasurer	Rich Kelly
Vice President	Clay Novak **

Secretary George Adelmann*

Directors

Buildings Don Cox

Entertainment Paul Burlington

Grounds Ben Kowalski**

Hunting/Fishing Charlie Zib

Legal/Insurance Paul Onorato **

Maintenance Jan Gronych

NRA Ed Shannon**

Shotgun Sports Dave Giacomi**

Youth/Community Earl Fatlan

(indicates new Board Member)**

There were no nominations or volunteers from the floor, the slate was approved by the Board.

President, Larry Novak will present the 2025 “Wall of Fame” awards to this year’s recipients.

New Years Day!

DGSC will be open for shooting, Thursday, January 1, 2026, from 9:30 to 12:30. At 1:00 p.m. everyone is invited to our **ANNUAL “Potluck” Luncheon**. The only cost is to bring a “side dish”, salad, or desert, the club will provide the main dish (meat). Coffee and water will be available, BYOB (bring your own beverage). This is our “social event” each year, bring your family and friends, Enjoy and share the camaraderie of your club. Sign up at the service counter with the number of people in your party and your “specialty” dish or side. We intend to provide ample food for the attendees.

Senior Member Mike Pietrzak

It is with deepest condolences that we share of the passing of Mike Pietrzak on October 28, 2025. Mike was a long time Senior Member of DGSC. He served on the Board and spent

many hours in the development and improvement of our sporting clays course. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike's family. We intend to dedicate a Memorial Tree and plaque to Mike. Contact: Brent Rogers, Debbie Fredrick, or Ken Cechura, regarding your donation. Weather conditions prevent us from planting before April. Mike was recently elevated to "Honorary Member" status.

2026 Membership renewals

Renewal forms have been sent to your "in-box" via email. Please complete all your information as requested. Please print legibly, including your cell phone number, email address, FOID and NRA numbers and expiration dates. Our primary means of communication involves text messaging and emails. If you are unable to print your renewal, there are copies available at the club or contact either Ken Cechura or John Semprini for a "hard copy". Your current cell phone number will allow us to send a text message regarding weather-related club closures.

Shooting Members

Now is the time to consider applying for Senior Membership. Become a part of DGSC Senior Membership. Enjoy the benefits of lower shooting costs, cart rentals, guest privileges, a vote in club operations, and hunting privileges. Renew your shooting membership for 2026 and submit a senior member application. 2026 Senior member applications will be reviewed after January 1, 2026, once accepted, you will receive credit for your shooting member fees. At that time, you will be interviewed, when accepted a payment of \$350.00 will be due, a \$300.00 Processing fee and \$50.00 for the additional dues. You will then be a "probationary member for 7 months, during which, you will enjoy all the privileges of a DGSC Senior member. Upon completing 40 hours of volunteer work on a committee, you become a Senior member of DGSC with an annual 5-hour commitment of "volunteer hours".

Northern Illinois "Jackrabbit League

Starting in January, DGSC will be participating in the annual Jackrabbit League. Each week the 50-target trap shoot is held at one of three alternating clubs. The \$30.00 fee covers 50 targets, weekly team, and individual prize monies, it should be noted that the league is open to all DGSC Members, ATA shooters as well as non-ATA shooters.

Maywood SC was accidentally omitted from the previous schedule

January 2026

1/4/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday Downers Grove SC

1/11/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday McHenry SC

1/18/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday St Charles SC

1/25/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday Maywood SC

2/1/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday Downers Grove SC

2/8/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday McHenry SC

2/15/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday St Charles SC

2/22/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday Maywood SC

3/1/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday *Downers Grove SC Jackrabbit Finale*

3/8/2026 Winter Jackrabbit Sunday (make-up week)

What's "Cookin" at DGSC?

Food service is available on Tuesdays & Saturdays. Breakfast & lunch will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to noon (weather permitting). The success of this "added" member benefit is dependent on the support of our members and guests! A "complimentary" breakfast will be provided for Senior Members before the meeting on Sunday, December 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, DGSC "Winter Hours" begin.

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Sat. Sun. (Friday night games only: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.)

Friday, December 26, 2025, DGSC Open 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, Games 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 2026, DGSC Open 9:30 am to 1:00 pm, "Happy Hangover" Potluck Luncheon 1:00 to 4:00

